

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS


Claims 1 to 19 are pending in this application. Claims 1-4 and 8-19 are rejected. Claims 5-7 are allowed.

Claims 1-4 and 8-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Blumberg *et al.* (US 5,232,684). Claims 1-4 and 8-19 have been cancelled. The Examiner has acknowledged that claims 5-7 are directed to allowable subject matter.

In view of the above discussion and the amendments made herein to the claims, it is believed that all of the outstanding objections and rejections have been removed.

Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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